

function for recording information relating to the picture which is recorded on the silver salt-based medium;

a video picture shooting section;

a video signal recording section for recording a video signal obtained by the video picture shooting section and video information on [the] a video recording medium, said video information relating to the shooting of the video picture, wherein the video signal recording section stores still pictures and motion pictures on said video recording medium, the still pictures being distinguished from the motion pictures based on said video information which is stored in a data area of said video recording medium;

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a video signal reproduction section for reproducing the video signal and video information from the recording medium, wherein still pictures are identified by video information stored in said data area of said video recording medium;

an electric display device for displaying the video picture and video information reproduced by the video signal reproduction section;

a shooting information provider for outputting various items of information as to shooting; and

an information input section for inputting the various items of information into the shooting information provider.

8. (Twice Amended) An image shooting apparatus, comprising:

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a silver salt picture shooting section having a silver salt picture recording function for recording a picture on a silver salt-based medium, and a silver salt information recording function for recording information relating to the picture which is recorded on the silver salt-based medium;

a video picture shooting section;

a video signal recording section for recording a video signal obtained by the video picture shooting section and video information on a video recording medium, said video information relating to the shooting of the video picture;

a silver salt film individual identification number/frame number provider for outputting an individual identification number and a frame number of a silver salt film used as a recording medium for the silver salt picture shooting section; and

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an index data recording section provided separately from the video signal recording section for searching the recording medium for separately stored information pertaining to silver salt shooting information, and for collecting together and recording index data which [is] forms an aggregate of the separately stored silver salt shooting information [during silver salt shooting].

Please add the following new claims:

-- 29. An image shooting apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the camera further includes:

control logic for searching the recording medium based on an index to retrieve a previously captured still picture to be edited and associated video information, said previously captured still picture to be edited and associated video information being associated with a still picture captured on said silver salt-based medium;

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control logic for displaying a first screen presenting said previously captured still picture to be edited, coupled with said associated video information; and

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control logic for displaying a second screen for editing the video information associated with the previously captured still picture.

30. An image shooting apparatus comprising:

a silver salt picture shooting section having a silver salt picture recording function for recording a picture on a silver salt-based medium, and a silver salt information recording function for recording information relating to the picture which is recorded on the silver salt-based medium;

a video picture shooting section;

a video signal recording section for recording a video signal obtained by the video picture shooting section and video information on a video recording medium, said video information relating to the shooting of the video picture, wherein the video signal recording section stores still pictures and motion pictures on said video recording medium, and wherein a still picture is distinguishable from the motion pictures based on said video information which is stored in a data area of said video recording medium;

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a video signal reproduction section for reproducing the video signal and video information from the recording medium, wherein the still picture is identified by video information stored in said data area of said video recording medium;

an electric display device for displaying the video picture and video information reproduced by the video signal reproduction section;

a shooting information provider for outputting various items of information as to shooting; and

an information input section for inputting the various items of information into the shooting information provider. --

REMARKS

It is believed that this Amendment, in conjunction with the following remarks, place the application in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment and favorable consideration of the application are respectfully requested.

At the outset, the Applicants note that the March 17, 1999 Office Action rejects the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based on U.S. Patent No. 5,710,954 to Inoue ("Inoue"), whereas the first Office Action rejected the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102 based on Inoue. This constitutes a change in the basis of rejection, as the issue of anticipation markedly differs from the issue of obviousness. It appears that the motivation to change the rejection was *not* necessitated by the amendments made to the claims in the March 17, 1999 Amendment, since these changes were made only to improve the readability and form of the claims by clarifying terms used in the claims. In fact, the features which are now